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Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation -
WT Docket No. 97-82

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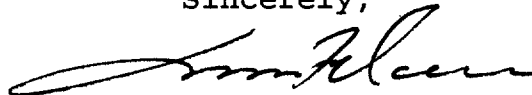
Dear Mr. Caton:

Cook Inlet Region, Inc., hereby gives notice of written ex parte presentations in the above-referenced proceeding.

The presentations were made in the form of the two attached letters, which were delivered to Chairman Hundt, Commissioners Quello, Ness, and Chong, and Jon Garcia in the Office of Plans and Policy.

Two copies of each letter is included with this notification pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(1).

Sincerely,



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.
United State House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bliley:

As you are no doubt aware, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has undertaken a review of possible "restructuring" options regarding almost 10 billion dollars of monies owed to the United States as a result of the auction in the PCS C-Block.


We believe that the stakes in this matter -- very substantial monies and the essential integrity of the auction process -- are of very real public interest.

Like the vast majority of bidders in the C-Block, Cook Inlet believed that the auction rules were real and would be enforced. Like the majority of other C-Block bidders, Cook Inlet watched as two years of effort, substantial out-of-pocket expenditures, and a prudent business plan were swept away when the auction turned into a "speculative frenzy." That frenzy was led by a handful of consortia. Those consortia were financed by well-heeled foreign interests and Wall Street venture capital. They took over the auctions and bid enormous sums. They clearly were betting on a big windfall by "going public." They took a gamble. They lost.

Our concern is that under some vague policy label -- "restructuring" or "amnesty" or whatever -- the FCC will, in effect, provide a huge government bailout to the speculators. If the speculators then are allowed to "re-bid," it would turn a bailout into something even worse -- a government-subsidized land grab by defaulting bidders. It will certainly taint the role of the FCC far into the future as a credible auctioneer of government spectrum.

Our request is that you monitor carefully this process, and that you ensure that any proposal that is suggested by the FCC be given a full and complete hearing before your Committee prior to becoming effective. We hope that your Committee can hold a hearing on this subject before the end of September. Given the stakes to the taxpayer and to the future of the auctions process we feel that it is essential that your Committee have the opportunity to examine these issues before the horses are out of the barn.

Sincerely,


Steve C. Hillard
President

cc: Chairman Reed Hundt



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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator McCain:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has undertaken a review of possible "restructuring" options regarding almost 10 billion dollars of monies owed to the United States as a result of the auction in the PCS C-Block. We reviewed your letter dated August 19, 1997, that was included in the record of the FCC review, and we appreciate and concur in your thoughtful approach to this matter.

We agree especially that the stakes in this proceeding -- very substantial monies and the essential integrity of the auction process -- are of direct public interest.

The vast majority of bidders in the C-Block believed that the auction rules were real and would be enforced. Like the majority of other C-Block bidders, Cook Inlet watched as two years of effort, substantial out-of-pocket expenditures, and a prudent business plan were swept away when the auction turned into a "speculative frenzy." That frenzy was led by a handful of consortia. These consortia were financed by well-heeled foreign interests and Wall Street venture capital. These consortia took over the auctions and bid enormous sums. They clearly were betting on a big windfall by "going public." They took a gamble. They lost.

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Sincerely,

Steve C. Hillard
President

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Chairman Reed Hundt